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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decrease in the number of students taking the CBSE examinations in some partsof the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBSE is considering to improve thefacilities for students living with Audio-visual and Physical impairments and dyslexia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), there is a decrease of 5816 candidates in class X and 2097 candidates in class XII in 2003 examinations as compared to 2002 examination in Delhi Region of CBSE.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. As a pace setting Board, CBSE hasbeen trying to bring the physically challenged children into the mainstream of the school education. To achieve this objective, CBSE has provided the following facilities:-

(i) Exemption from third language for dyslexic, blind students and those suffering from speech or hearing defects.

(ii) Blind, physically handicapped and dyslexic students appearing in the secondary school examination or senior school certificate examination are permitted to use an amanuensis (writer) and allowed an additional one hour (60 minutes time) for each question paper. The Board considers physiotherapic exercises as equivalent to physical and Health Education (PHE) course of the Board.

(iii) Dyslexic, spastic candidates and candidates with visual and hearing impairment have the option of studying one compulsory language as against two. This language should be in consonance with the overall spirit of the three-language formula prescribed by the Board. Besides one language, any four of the following subjects may be offered:

MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, ANOTHER LANGUAGE, MUSIC, PAINING, HOME SCIENCE AND INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

(iv) The Board has issued specific instructions to the Centre Superintendents to make arrangements for the physically challenged candidates for the examination on the ground floor as far as possible.

(v) On experimental basis, blind students in Delhi region have been permitted to use typewriters/computers for writing their answers.

(vi) Special examination centres exclusively for blind candidates were created in 2003 examination of CBSE in Delhi.

(vii) Separate question papers in Science and Mathematics have been provided to the blind candidates in class X examination 2003. In addition, alternative questions are provided in lieu of questions having visual input in English Course A and Social Science in class X.

(viii) CBSE pays Rs.100/- per paper to the amanuensis (writer) who are provided to the physically challenged candidates.

(ix) The answerscripts of physically challenged candidates are evaluated centrally with a view to sensitizing the evaluators about the status of these candidates.